49 *Striped halter neck dress in crochet*

Sizes

To fit 86·5cm (*34in*) bust

Length to top of front, 65·0cm (*25½in*)

Tension

24 sts to 10cm (*3·9in*) and 7 rows to 6·5cm (*2½in*) over tr worked on No.2·50 (ISR) crochet hook

Materials
6 x 20 grm balls of Lister 2 Spun 4 ply Crepe in main shade, A
2 balls each of contrast colours, B and C
5 balls of contrast colour, D
2 balls of contrast colour, E
One No.2·50 (ISR) crochet hook
One ring 4·0cm (*1½in*) diameter

Front
Using No.2·50 (ISR) hook and A, make 7ch.
1st row Into 4th ch from hook work 1tr, 3tr into next ch, 1tr into each of next 2ch. Turn. 7tr.
2nd row Using separate length of yarn make 4ch ready to join to beg of last row, 6ch, 1tr into 3rd, 2nd and first of these 6ch, (4 sts inc), 1tr into each of next 3tr, 3tr into next tr, 1tr into each of next 3tr, 1tr into each of 4 separate ch. Turn. 17tr.
Rep 2nd row 5 times more. 67tr. Break off A. Join in B.
8th row Using separate length of E make 4ch ready to join to beg of last row, 5ch, 1dc into 3rd, 2nd and first of these 5ch, 1dc into each st to centre st, 3dc into next st, 1dc into each st to end, 1dc into each of separate 4ch. Turn. 77dc.
Break off E. Join in B. Cont inc on every row in this way, work 3 rows tr in B, 1 row dc in E and 3 rows tr in C. 147tr. Cont inc in centre of every row as before, *at the same time* dec one st at each end of every row, working 1 row dc in E and 7 rows tr in D. 147tr. Cont in striped patt as foll, (1 row dc in E, 7 rows tr in A, 1 row dc in E, 3 rows tr in B, 1 row dc in E, 3 rows tr in C, 1 row dc in E, 7 rows tr in D) twice, then 1 row dc in E and 7 rows tr in A, making 79 rows in all from beg, *at the same time* work shaping as foll: cont inc in centre as before and dec at each end of every row (2 sts twice, one st once) twice, (2 sts 3 times, one st once) 7 times. 97 sts. Inc in centre as before, dec one st at each end of next 6 rows. (Work 1 row without dec, then inc one st at each end of next 3 rows) 4 times. 109 sts. Fasten off.

Back
Work first 71 rows as given for front. 97 sts.
Shape back
1st row Using E, patt over first 43 sts, turn. Break off E.
Complete this side first.
2nd row Using A, join to first st, 1ch, 1htr into next st, 1tr into each st to end. Turn.
3rd row Patt over first 35 sts, 1htr into next st, 1dc into next st, turn. 37 sts.
4th row Ss over 1dc, 1htr and 4tr, 1dc into next st, 1htr into next st, patt to end. Turn. 31 sts.
5th row Patt over first 23 sts, 1htr into next st, 1dc into next st, turn. 25 sts.
6th row As 4th. 19 sts.
7th row Patt over first 11 sts, 1htr into next st, 1dc into next st, turn. 13 sts.
8th row As 4th. 7 sts. Fasten off.
Return to where work was left, miss 11 sts in centre, rejoin E to next st and patt to end. Turn. Break off E. Using A, complete to match first side.

To make up
Press each piece under a dry cloth with a cool iron. Join side seams. Turn up 4·0cm (*1½in*) hem at lower edge and sl st down. Using No.2·50 (ISR) hook, E and with RS of work facing work 1 row dc round top edge. Sew ring to inside of point at front. Using 10 strands of A make a twisted cord. Thread through ring and tie at back of neck.

50 *Chevron striped summer dress to crochet*

Sizes
To fit 86·5cm (*34in*) bust
Length to shoulder, 73·5cm (*29in*)
Tension
24 sts to 10cm (*3·9in*) and 7 rows to 6·5cm (*2½in*) over tr worked on No.2·50 (ISR) crochet hook
Materials
7 x 20 grm balls Lister 2 Spun 4 ply Crepe in main shade, A
5 balls of contrast colour, B
9 balls of contrast colour, C
2 balls of contrast colour, D
One No.2·50 (ISR) crochet hook
One 15·0cm (*6in*) zip fastener

Back
Using No.2·50 (ISR) hook and D, make 188ch.
1st row Into 3rd ch from hook work 2dc, (1dc into each of next 13ch, miss 4ch, 1dc into each of next 13ch, 5dc into next ch) 5 times, 1dc into each of next 13ch, miss 4ch, 1dc into each of next 13ch, 3dc into last ch. Turn. 187 sts. Break off D. Join in A.
2nd row Using A, 3ch, 2tr into edge st, (1tr into each of next 13 sts, miss 4 sts, 1tr into each of next 13 sts, 5tr into next st) 5 times, 1tr into each of next 13 sts, miss 4 sts, 1tr into each of next 13 sts, 3tr into turning ch. Turn.
3rd row As 2nd. Break off A. Join in B.
4th row Using B, as 2nd. Break off B. Join in C.
5th—7th rows Using C, as 2nd. Break off C. Join in D.
8th row Using D, 1ch, 2dc into edge st, (1dc into each of next 13 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 13 sts, 5dc into next st) 5 times, 1dc into each of next 13 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 13 sts, 3dc into turning ch. Turn.
The 2nd—8th rows form patt. Rep 2nd—7th rows once more.
15th row Using D, 1ch, 2dc into edge st, (2dc tog, 1dc into each of next 11 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 11 sts, 2dc tog, 5dc into next st) 5 times, 2dc tog, 1dc into each of next 11 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 11 sts, 2dc tog, 3dc into turning ch. Turn.
16th row As 2nd row but working 12tr instead of 13tr each time.
Work 5 more rows as now set.
22nd row Using D, 1ch, 2dc into edge st, (2dc tog, 1dc into each of next 10 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 10 sts, 2dc tog, 5dc into next st) 5 times, 2dc tog, 1dc into each of next 10 sts, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 10 sts, 2dc tog, 3dc into turning ch. Turn.
23rd row As 2nd row but working 11tr instead of 12tr each time.
Cont dec in this way on every 7th row twice more. 9tr in each group. Work 14 rows without shaping, ending with an 8th patt row. (50 rows from beg). 139 sts.

Front
Work as given for back.

Sleeves
Using No.2·50 (ISR) hook and D, make 94 ch.
1st row Into 3rd ch from hook work 2dc, (1dc into each of next 9ch, miss 4ch, 1dc into each of next 9ch, 5dc into next ch) 3 times, 1dc into each of next 9ch, miss 4 sts, 1dc into each of next 9ch, 3dc into last ch. Turn. 93 sts.
Work 8 rows patt as now set foll stripes as given for back.

Yoke
Using No.2·50 (ISR) hook, A and with RS of work facing, beg at centre st of back, rejoin yarn, 3ch, 2tr into this st, (9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st) twice, 9tr, miss 4 sts, 6tr, miss next 4 sts and first 4 sts of sleeve, beg in 5th st of sleeve, 6tr, miss 4 sts, patt across sleeves to last 4 sts, miss 4 sts and first 4 sts of front, beg in 5th st of front and cont in this way round to centre back, ending with 3tr into same centre st. Turn.
2nd row 3ch, 2tr into first st, (9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st) twice, 9tr, *miss 3 sts, 4tr, 2tr tog, 4tr, miss 3 sts, * 9tr, cont in patt all round, working from * to * at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off A. Join in B.
3rd row Using B, 3ch, 2tr into same st, (9tr, miss 4st, 9tr, 5tr into next st) twice, 9tr, *miss 3 sts, 7tr, miss 3 sts, *, 9tr, cont in patt, working from * to * at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off B. Join in C.
4th row Using C, work as 2nd row but miss 3 sts, 5tr, miss 3 sts at each raglan seam. Turn.
5th row As 4th but working miss 3 sts, 3tr, miss 3 sts. Turn.
6th row As 4th but working miss 3 sts, 1tr, miss 3 sts. Turn. Break off C. Join in D.
7th row Using D, 1ch, 2dc into first st, (9dc, miss 4 sts, 9dc, 5dc into next st) twice, 9dc, miss 5 sts, 9dc, cont in patt to end, miss 5 sts at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off D. Join in A.
8th row Using A, 3ch, 2tr into first st, (9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st) twice, *(2tr tog) twice, 5tr, miss 4 sts, 5tr, (2tr tog) twice, *, 5tr into next st, patt to end, working from * to * at each raglan seam. Turn.
9th row As 8th but working 2tr tog, 5tr, miss 4 sts, 5tr, 2tr tog, at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off A. Join in B.
10th row Using B, patt as 8th row but working (2tr tog) twice, 2tr, miss 4 sts, 2tr, (2tr tog) twice at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off B. Join in C.
11th row Using C, 3ch, 2tr into first st, 9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st, 9tr, *miss 4 sts, 7tr, 2tr tog, 3tr into next st, (2tr tog) twice, miss 4 sts, (2tr tog) twice, 3tr into next st, 2tr tog, 7tr, miss 4 sts, *, patt to end, working from * to * at each raglan seam. Turn.
12th row 3ch, 2tr into first st, 9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st, *9tr, (miss 4 sts, 9tr) 3 times, *, 5tr into next st, patt to end, working from * to * at each raglan seam. Turn.
13th row 3ch, 2tr into first st, 9tr, miss 4 sts, 9tr, 5tr into next st, 9tr, miss 4 sts, 14tr, miss 4 4 sts, patt to end, working 14tr at each raglan seam. Turn. Break off C. Join in D.
14th row Using D, 1ch, 2dc into first st, 9dc, miss 4 sts, 9dc, 5dc into next st, 9dc, miss 4 sts, 10dc, miss 4 sts, patt to end, working 10dc at each raglan seam. Turn.
15th row 1ch, 1dc into each st to end. Fasten off.

To make up
Press each piece under a damp cloth with a cool iron. Join pairs of 4 sts which were left at beg of yoke to form continuation of raglan seams. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew in zip. Press seams.